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HARVEST & THANKSGIVING VESPERS
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PRELUDE Prelude on NETHERLANDS *arr. Beatrice Hatton Fisk*

Stand

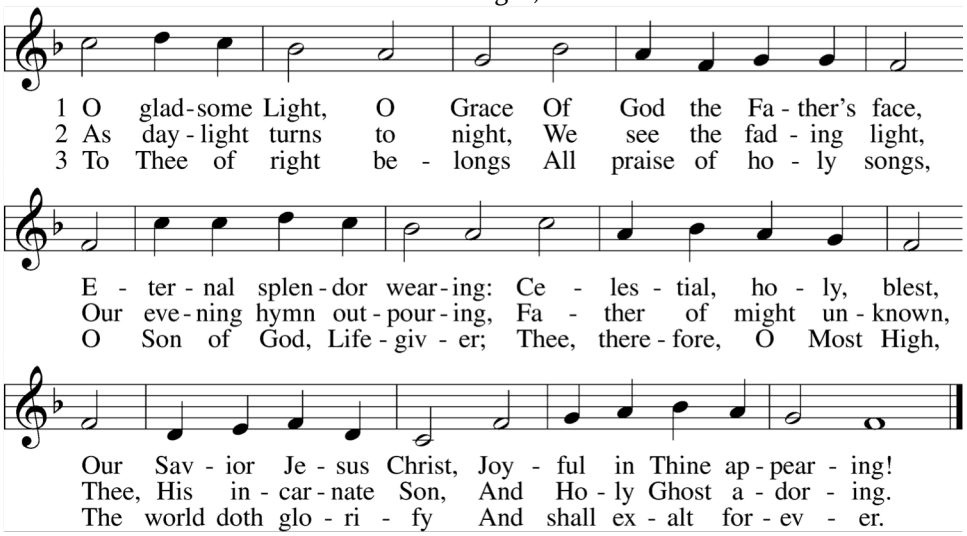
OPENING VERSICLES

L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

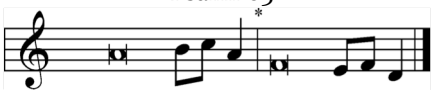
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EVENING HYMN O Gladsome Light, O Grace **888**



✢ PSALMODY ✢

PSALM Psalm 65 ***(sung as indicated)***



I *Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion, * and to you shall vows | be performed.*

C **O you who | hears prayer, * to you shall | all flesh come.**

I *When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me, * you atone for our trans- | gressions.*

C **Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell | in your courts! * We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your | temple!**

I *By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our sal- | vation, * the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas;*

C **the one who by his strength established the | mountains, * being girded | with might;**

I *who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring | of their waves, * the tumult of the | peoples,*

C **so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs. * You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.**

I *You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of | water; * you provide their grain, for so you have pre- | pared it.*

C **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its | ridges, * softening it with showers, and bless- | ing its growth.**

I *You crown the year with your | bounty; * your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.*

C **The pastures of the wilderness | overflow, * the hills gird them- | selves with joy,**

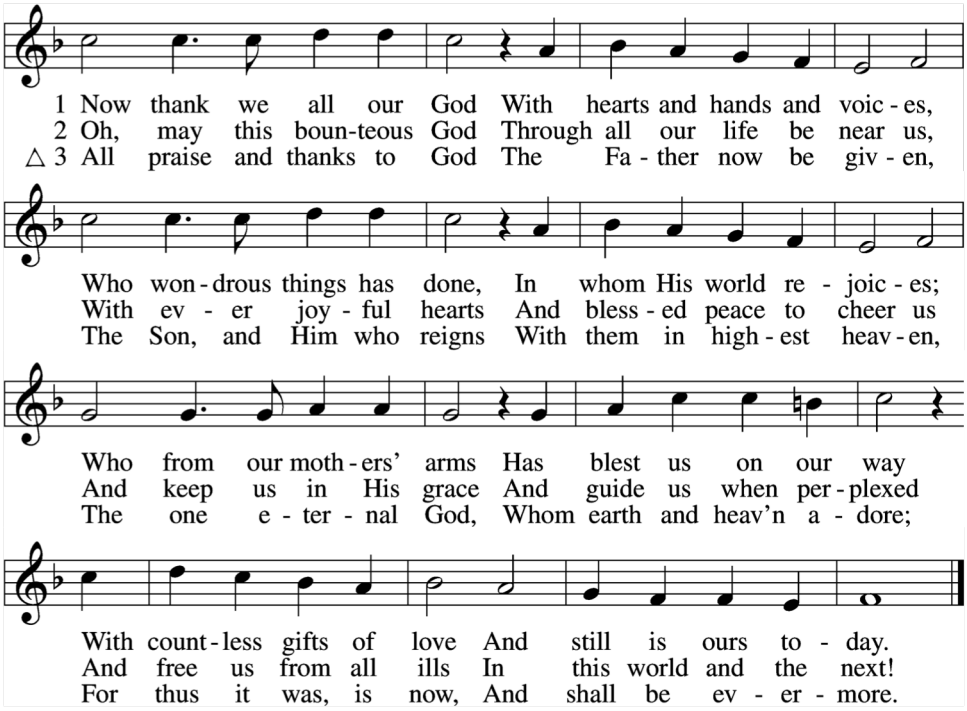
I *the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck them- | selves with grain, * they shout and sing together | for joy.*

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son * and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

PSALM PRAYER

L Let us pray.
Lord God, joy marks Your presence. Beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of Your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs, we may see the splendor of Your love and may praise You; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



Sit

✢ READINGS ✢

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 26:1–11**

"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 9:6–15**

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the

gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING **Luke 12:13–21**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

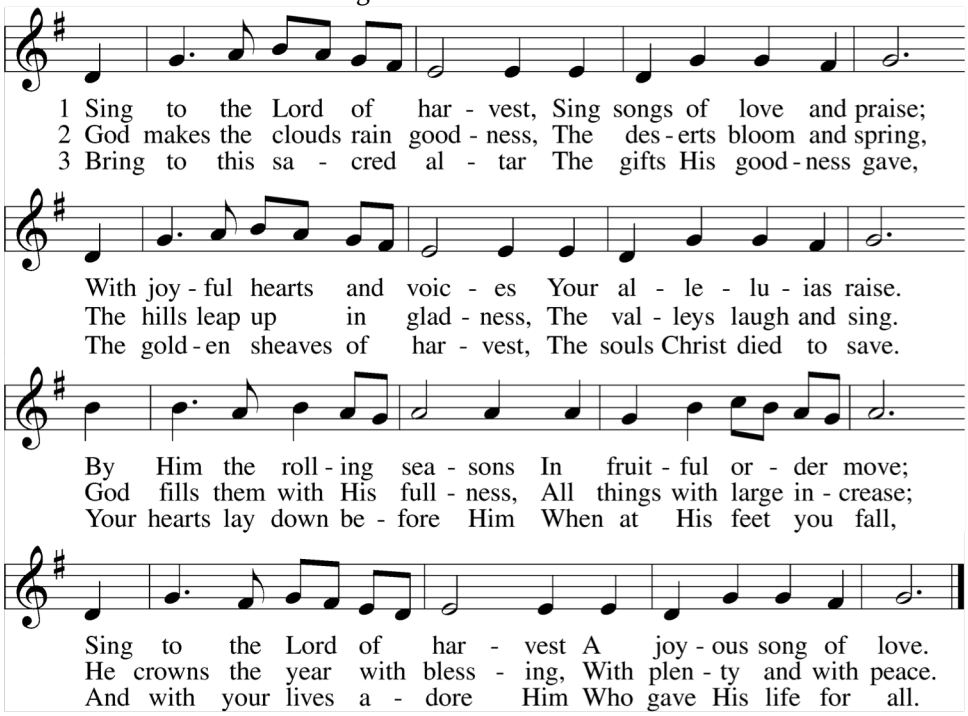
RESPONSORY

L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Sing to the Lord of Harvest **893**



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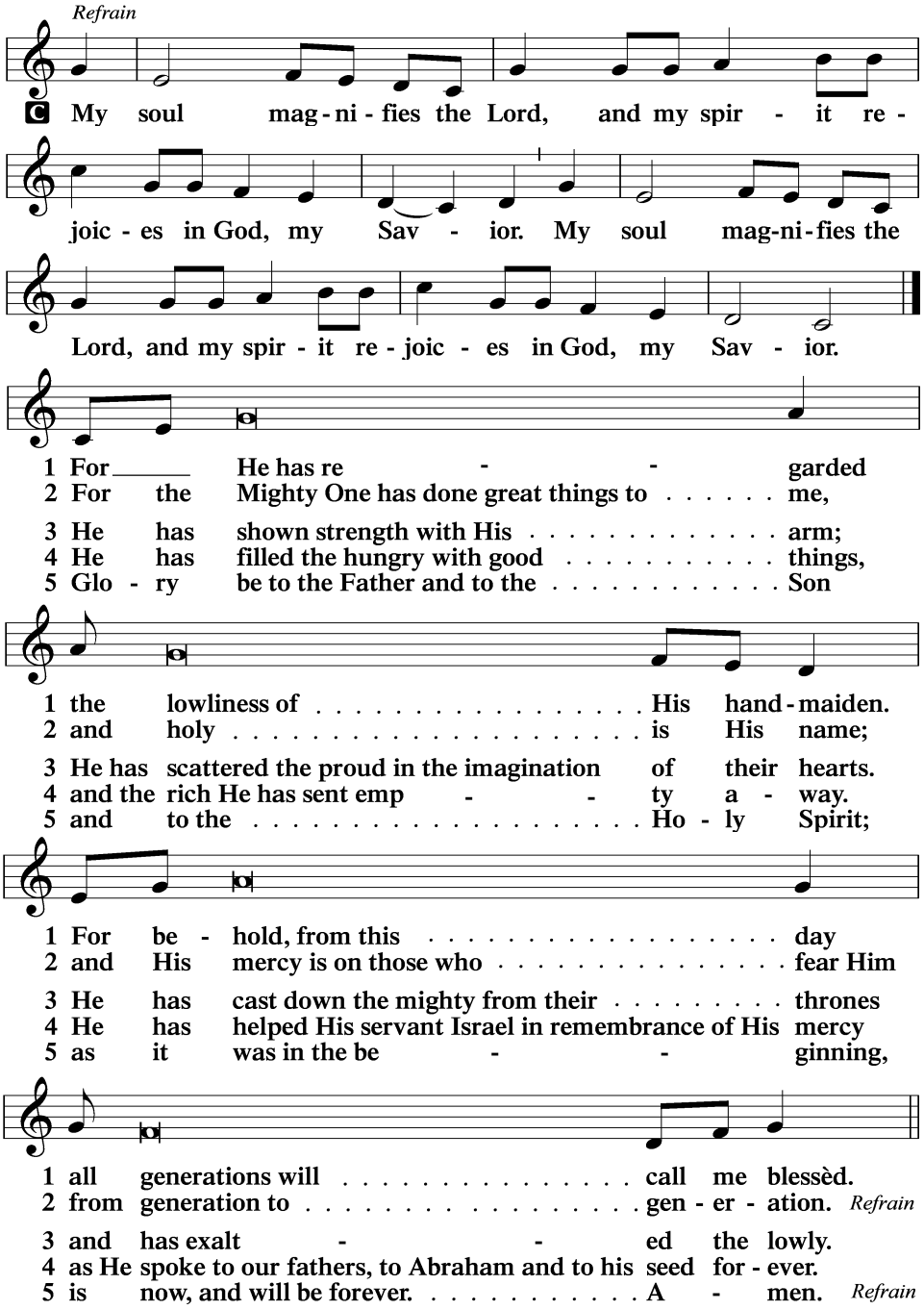


✢ PRAYER ✢

KYRIE

L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C **have mercy and hear us.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

EVENING SUFFRAGES

L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C **and grant us Your salvation.**

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C **and let Your saints shout for joy.**

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C **for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C **let all the peoples praise You!**

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

L Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **let my cry come to You.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

L Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

L Lord Jesus Christ, as once You shared in our human toil and thus hallowed the work of our hands, bless and prosper those who maintain the industries and service sectors of this land. Give them a right regard for their labors, and grant them the just reward for their work that they may find joy in serving You and in supplying our needs; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

L Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

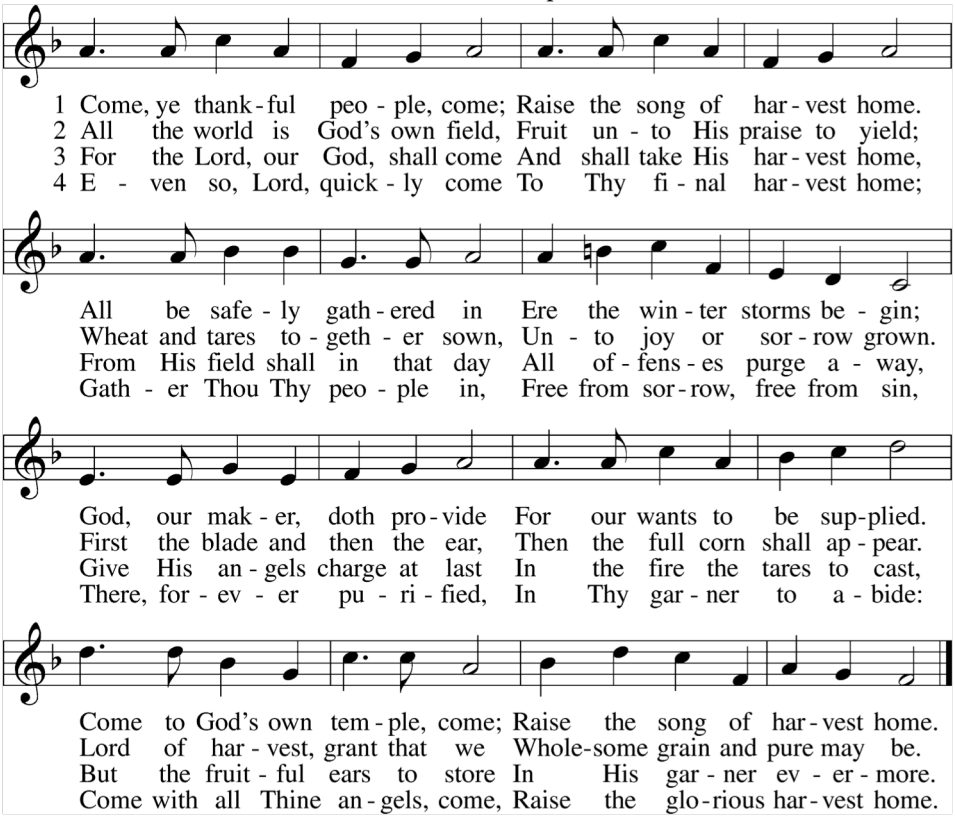
C **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

L The Lord bless ✢ you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come **892**



POSTLUDE KREMSER *arr. Charles Callahan*

Tonight's Harvest & Thanksgiving Vespers is our congregation's final worship service for the current Church Year.

We look forward to starting the Advent Season on Sunday, November 29, and the upcoming Christmastide that begins on December 24.

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